

Special Issue

Biodiversity and the Religious Imagination

Message from the Guest Editor

The interconnections between biodiversity and religion have great urgency in our time due to the increasing extinction of species. This Special Issue intends to respond to that urgency by adding to our understanding of the connections between religion and the diversity of species. A focus on the religious imagination provides a rubric that encompasses a range of possible topics, including (but not limited to): how religions envision the nature and significance of the rich array of species; religious practices that impact the survival (or not) of species; and the ways that the diversity of species influence religious thought and practice. The concern is not primarily animal rights, understood as the rights of individual members of species, important though that is; rather, it is the rich diversity of life as an important dimension of the context for religious practices, narratives, and beliefs.

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